

St. Thomas' Church.

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NOVEMBER, 1906.

Vicar—Rev. WALSINGHAM C. KERR.

Churchwardens—Mr. KENNETH ROTHERHAM and Mr. HUBERT WATERS.

Sidesmen—Mr. W. H. CADDICK and Mr. J. TURNER.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS—

Holy Communion, 8 a.m., also First Sunday
at 11 a.m.

Holy Baptism, Second Sunday 3-30.

Matins, 11 a.m.

Evensong, 6-30 p.m.

Saints' Days, 11 a.m.

6-30 Evensong (Choral)

CHILDREN'S SERVICE—

Second and Fourth Sunday at 3 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—

10 a.m. and 2-30 p.m.

NOTICES FOR THE MONTH.

CLASSES, &c.

MONDAY—Clothing Club, 12 noon. Miss Rotherham
Mothers' Meeting, 2 p.m. Mrs. G. F. Twist
Blanket Club, 6 p.m. Miss Kerr

TUESDAY—Boys' Club, 6-30

WEDNESDAY—Girls' Guild, 5-30

THURSDAY—Horticultural Lectures, 7 p.m.
Choir Practice 7-30 p.m.

FRIDAY—Cookery Class, 6-30 p.m.

ALL SAINTS' DAY—Holy Communion, 8 a.m.

10th—Parish Meeting, 6 p.m.

12th—Communicants' Guild

14th—General Meeting, Young Men's Guild

Altar Flowers—Mrs. JAGGER.

Verger—Mr. CRANER (who receives Notices of Banns, etc.)

Hon. Sec. for Magazine—Mr. H. LOASBY, The Schools.

The funeral of the Rev. T. G. P. Deerr took place on Thursday, October 4th, in Keresley Churchyard. A great many of the inhabitants of Keresley and Coundon attended, as a mark of respect to one who had held the position of Vicar for the long period of 30 years. Before the service Mr. H. Loasby played the "Dead March." The clergy officiating were the Rev. Canon Beaumont and the Rev. J. F. Osborne, Vicar of St. Peter's, Highgate. The chief mourners were Miss E. Deerr and Miss Hales. Those present included Messrs. Kenneth Rotherham (Churchwarden), Hugh Rotherham, C. Adcock, A. E. Jagger, E. Allday, W. H. Caddick, C. Whitem, J. Barnett, J. Sparrow, W. Townsend, W. Probert, J. Treadell, etc. Handsome wreaths were sent by the children and teachers of Keresley School, members of the Choir, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Latham,

Keresley Grange, Walter Probert, Mrs. A. E. Jagger and others. The grave was lined with flowers by Messrs. J. Craner and H. Harrison. On Thursday evening a muffled peal of bells was rung by the bell-ringers.

The Harvest Festival was held on September 30th. The Vicar of Fillongley preached at the Morning Service, and the Rev. E. W. Michell (a great favourite) gave an address to the children in the afternoon. The interior of the Church had undergone a marvellous transformation, the sombre-looking reading desk was verged into a pretty design, of corn, fruit and flowers. The pulpit lost all its old associations in a mass of brilliant bloom, most artistically arranged—the brilliant Autumn tints of the Virginian creeper climbing up the standards

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brightening everything; and the windows—where the black and red berries, seemingly green, in great profusion, added much to the whole effect. The ladies in this parish certainly excel in the art of Church decoration. It was the opinion expressed on all sides that the Church never looked so pretty. The Thanksgiving Services were bright and real. The Choir did their part well, and the anthem, "O Lord, how manifold are Thy gifts," was greatly liked by the large evening congregation. The offertories for the Day School totalled £13 11s. 1½d.

We would like to thank all those who sent gifts of flowers, fruit and vegetables—the supply sent to the Hospital on Monday was greatly appreciated by the patients. The decorations were the work of the following:—Altar flowers, Mrs. K. Rotherham; sanctuary and chancel, Miss H. Rotherham and Miss G. Barton; pulpit, Mrs. C. Adcock; reading desk, Miss Ratliff and Miss Mitchell; windows, Mrs. Edgar Turrall and the Misses Townshend; standards, Miss Kerr and Miss Doris Hillman; font, Mr. G. Collier (for Mrs. Singer); west windows, the Misses Turner.

MOTHERS' MEETING.—On Monday, 29th, the first Meeting was held, and many members enrolled. The working arrangements were talked about and settled; it was decided to hold the Meeting each Monday at 2 p.m. Mrs. Butters and Miss Smith are assisting Mrs. Twist in the management. The members were very pleased with the excellent arrangements that have been made, and feel sure that the "Meeting" will prove a very successful and happy one.

PARISH ROOMS.—A PARISH MEETING will be held in the Schools, on SATURDAY, the 10th, at 6 p.m., to consider—(1) How the Rooms can best be used; (2) Ways of obtaining funds for fittings and furniture. These rooms should be most useful in the Parish

organization. We appeal to all residents who take an interest in our work to come to this Meeting.

DAY SCHOOL.—Report made by H.M. Inspector, October 12th—

"MIXED.—The staff should at once be strengthened, or the efficiency of the School will be seriously impaired." We are glad to see that attention has been called to this. The Local Managers have been for a long time strongly urging upon the Education Committee the necessity of strengthening the staff of teachers. It is quite impossible, at present, for the teachers to do themselves justice. We trust the Committee will now be compelled to take action.

COMMUNICANTS' GUILD.—The first Meeting will be held on Monday, November 12th, at 8 p.m., in the Parish Room. The Vicar will explain the object of the Guild. We hope that all who have learned to value and love the greatest of our Services will come to this Meeting.

BAPTISMS.

- Oct. 28—Doris Edith Laurence (Coundon)
 „ 28—Adeline Dorothy Mitchell (Brownhill Green)

WEDDINGS.

- Oct. 6—Allen Saunders and Celia Bricknell
 „ 24—Ernest Arthur Arnold and Emma Neal

HYMNS FOR NOVEMBER.

4th,	M. ...	280	317	437	
	E. ...	224	251	223	31
11th,	M. ...	236	231	545	
	E. ...	240	207	18	541
18th,	M. ...	265	634	520	
	E. ...	191	197	235	19
25th,	M. ...	303	187	228	
	E. ...	230	108	180	27